

# Yellowknife Education District No. 1

## Ratepayers Meeting Minutes

Date of Meeting: Monday, May 30, 2016  
Location: YK1 District Office Board Room  
5402 50 Avenue

Members Present: Chairperson John Stephenson  
Vice Chairperson Duff Spence  
Trustee Terry Brookes  
Trustee Tina Drew  
Trustee Rajiv Rawat  
Trustee Jay Butler

Regrets: Trustee Allan Shortt

Staff Present: Superintendent of Education Metro Huculak  
Assistant Superintendent of Education Ed Lippert  
Director of Corporate Services Tram Do  
Executive Assistant to the Superintendent Tracy Turk

Media and Others Present: Stephen Offredi, *Yellowknifer*,

1. Call to Order  
The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Opening Remarks

Chairperson Stephenson thanked all in attendance for coming out. He thanked the finance committee and staff for their hard work to put the budget together this year.

3. Adoption of Agenda

05-5898-16  
Moved by Trustee Brookes  
Seconded by Trustee Butler  
I move to accept the agenda as presented.

**Carried**

#### 4. Presentation of Draft 2016-2017 Budget

- 4.1 Finance Committee Chairperson Terry Brookes presented the proposed Draft 2016-2017 budget in the form of a Power Point presentation. He said that the guiding principle for the budget is YK1's Strategic Plan. Funding, he said, is based on enrolment. School administration provides recommendations to the superintendent on the future needs of their schools.

Trustee Brookes went through the steps included in budget procedures listed at the back of this document (presentation).

He said the budget considerations for next year include:

- Change in the ECE Funding Formula. There is an assumption of 16:1 PTR funding on enrolment projections of 1,900 FTE of \$309,000, an additional funding of \$100,000
- City of Yellowknife property tax increases by \$205,200 due to 1% increase of market share.

#### Revenues:

Trustee Brookes said revenues for 2016/2017 include:

- Interest income rate of return estimate is approximately 1.5%
- Rental revenues from Nordic Arms remains the same
- Continuing contract with Dettah and Ndilo for Superintendent services
- Subsidized Preschool fees

#### Expenses:

Trustee Brookes said expenses for 2016/2017 include:

- YK's Collective Agreement with the Northwest Territories Teachers Association (NWTTA) expires August 31, 2016. Negotiations for a new contract will start in the fall.
- United Steelworkers Local 8646 (USWA) contract for support staff is up for negotiations, contract ends as of June 30, 2016. Negotiations for a new contract will commence after NWTTA negotiations.

#### Enrolment:

Trustee Brookes added enrolment as of September 30, 2015, was 1,845 students, which serves for the basis for our funding for next year.

Kindergarten enrolment is steady and we are hoping for an increase this year.

Programs:

Trustee Brookes said there are several programs offered in the district. École Sir John Franklin High School offers: Choir, Jazz Band, Concert Band, Guitar Instruction, Sports Academy; École William McDonald Middle School offers: Industrial Arts, Drama, Art, Choir, Band, Athletic Excellence; Range Lake North School offers: Choir, Band, Technology, Hockey Academy; Mildred Hall School offers: Choir, Band, Aboriginal Education, Hockey Academy; N.J. Macpherson School offers: Montessori, Art, Music, Gymnastics, Hockey Academy; École J.H. Sissons offers: Choir, Recorders, Musical Theatre, Afterschool Athletic program and Athletic Excellence.

Staff Changes:

Trustee Brookes announced the addition of 1 Liasson Support at SJF and the reduction of a .5 Secretary there. In special needs, YK1 is adding 1.5 Program Support Teachers and a reduction of 3.5 Education Assistants. There will be an addition of 1.0 preschool instructor.

Expenditures:

The expenditure distributions for YK1 include school programs, inclusive schooling, maintenance, administration, aboriginal language and culture, and accommodation. Trustee Brookes noted 83.5% of expenditures are allocated to schools.

There is a budgeted deficit of \$234,433 for 2016/2017; He said \$300,000 of Accumulated Reserve will be allocated to a separate LED Light Reserve Fund. The projected Accumulated Reserve is 3.5% to 4.5%.

Trustee Brookes noted the Budget will be approved formally in a couple of weeks.

## 5.0 Questions & Comments

Chairperson Stephenson asked if those in attendance have any questions about the budget.

Trustee Brookes said the Board wants to do the best for students but we are a public organization so we have a responsibility to ensure we are making the right decisions

6. Closing Remarks

Chairperson Stephenson thanked everyone for coming and extended his appreciation to the Finance Committee and Trustee Brookes and Director of Corporate Service Tram Do for their hard work over the past few months putting everything together. Chairperson Stephenson also thanked Superintendent Huculak and Assistant Superintendent Lippert for their support in putting this budget together.

7. Adjournment

05-5899-16

Moved by Trustee Rawat

Seconded by Trustee Drew

I move that the meeting be adjourned.

**Carried**

Meeting adjourned: 7:34 p.m.

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Chairperson of the Board

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Director of Corporate Services